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12. (Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein the [plurality of

pixels includes] S₀, S₁, and S₂ pixels <u>are</u> centered around the block boundary, and wherein

corresponding DCT coefficients are determined by an inner product of the DCT kernel

and the pixels, S_0 , S_1 , and S_2 .

13. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the $\underline{S_0}$, $\underline{S_1}$ and $\underline{S_2}$

pixels are a plurality of pixels [are] centered around the block boundary.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment,

claims 1-8, 10 and 12-13 have been amended and claims 14-20 are canceled. Prompt

examination and allowance in due course are respectfully solicited.

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